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Testimony of
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In support of Raised HB5384
An Act Concerning Reports of Nurse Staffing levels
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I have been a Registered Nurse at Danbury Hospital since 2000. I am writing to support H.B. 5384, An Act Concerning Reports of Nurse Staffing Levels. I support mandatory reporting of staff to patient ratios in nursing because I want to provide the best care possible to my patients and I am tired of not being able to give it my "all".

I am also sad to see the toll it is taking on my coworkers. I used to enjoy going to "work" but now I dread it because the morale is low and the workplace is very stressful. I wonder how long professional nurses can work short-staffed before they burn out. Our communities and our patients deserve the best possible outcomes and we simply aren't able to give them our best.

Thank you!

Sincerely,

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